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In your January 15, 1999 letter, you expressed support for habitat protection and restoration projects in the San Francisco Bay. As you noted, many restoration projects in the last funding cycle were directed toward the Bay. However, CALFED presents its approach to restoration in the Bay in the *Revised Phase II Report, December 18, 1998*, page 62:

Several entities have expressed concern that CALFED is not directly focusing on promoting the health of San Francisco Bay, particularly the Central and South Bay areas. It is true that the [CALFED Bay-Delta] Program has not included San Francisco Bay as part of its defined problem area (which includes the legally defined Delta, Suisun Bay extending to Carquinez Strait, and Suisun Marsh). Nevertheless, because the Bay-Delta system is part of a larger water and biological resource system, solutions to address the problems in the system will include a broader geographic scope extending both upstream and downstream. This solution scope includes San Pablo Bay, San Francisco Bay, and portions of the Pacific Ocean out to the Farallon Islands. In particular, the Program will address interactions between the Delta and San Francisco Bay, such as flow or sediment, by examining the "inputs" and "outputs" from the defined problem area. In addition, given CALFED's solution principle that solutions should have no significant redirected impacts, consideration needs to be given to how each alternative might negatively affect San Francisco Bay. The Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR evaluates impacts (both adverse and beneficial) of the CALFED alternatives on the San Francisco Bay region.

I applaud your efforts to identify and coordinate environmental restoration projects in the Bay, and I hope that many of the projects sought CALFED Bay-Delta Program funding in this last proposal solicitation cycle.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me at (916) 657-2666

Sincerely,

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Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

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Fish and Wildlife Service
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Natural Resources Conservation Service
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